Home Economics students taking a part in a mock wedding were Tammy Bates, Pam Ford, Byron Roach, Gary Moore, and J. R. Harvey.

Home Economics students taking part in a mock wedding at the school were Kim Hipps, Kevin O'Brien, Darrell Schrock, Martha Garrett and Terry Woods.

## Home Economics Students Have Mock Wedding

Students enrolled in Consumer and Homemaking classes at A.C.H.S. have been participating in several different units of study this fall. Juniors and seniors taking the Family Living class began evaluating their personalities to make needed improvements and studied dating and marriage customs in our country and others around the world. They learned that in some countries the groom must buy his bride from her family and in others the bride's parents must pay the groom.

Following a study of marriage vows and laws in our area the students planned a mock wedding that took place during their class period. The second period class held their wedding on Wednesday and the Fifth period class held theirs on Thursday.

Members of each class were chosen to play the role of the participates in the ceremony. On Wednesday, the following parts were played: Bride: Pam Ford; Groom: Gary Moore; Minister: Byron Roach; Maids of Honor: Tammy Bates; Best Man: J. R. Harvbey; Bridesmaids: Peggy Goin, Anne Hunter, Penny Wooten and Gina Adams; Ushers: Leonard McCormick, Kenny Shorter, Craig Smith and Scott Stevens; Mother of the Bride: Margie Coleman; Father of the Bride: Donnie Almond; Mother of the Groom: Sharon Coleman. The groom was decorated by Sherry Martin and Renae Thomas and the reception was prepared and served by Ara Haskins, Vinnie Hubbard, and Pam Watkins and Terrell Morgan.

On Thursday, Martha Garrett was the bride; Kevin O'Brien, groom; minister, Darrell Schrock; Best Man, Terry Woods; Maid of Honor, Kim Hipps; Bridesmaids, Jennifer Johnson, Angie Richardson, Nina Davis, and Sherri Repass; Ushers, Robert Lawhorn, Darrell Smith and Michael Nance; Debbie Smith, Bride's mother and Bob Dunnam was the bride's father. Ivette Ferguson directed the wedding and the reception was prepared and served by Susan Handy, Rhonda Nash, Angie Mann, Teresa Kerr, Cheryl Notestein, Ida Moore and Connie Taylor.

Everyone enjoyed learning what's necessary in planning a wedding and reception.

## Energy Commission Holds First Meeting

At the last meeting of the Appomattox Middle Chapter of FFA, a new committee was formed to meet the challenge given to the FFA by President Carter. In July of this year, President Carter met with the National FFA officers and issued an appeal for the FFA to be actively involved in conserving energy in the home, school, and community.

The Energy Committee was recently appointed by the FFA president, Karen Stevens, and consist of: Todd Neathaw, chairman; Ronald Thornhill, secretary; Sarah Simpson, Donnie Scruggs, Cecil Jacobs, Joe Crews, Richard Woody and Tim Garrison. The committee held its first meeting Friday, December 14 and began to plan projects and activities for the year.

Ben Haskings, Assistant Reporter

## Local Persons Attended Soil And Water Conservation Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. E. Carter Martin representing Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District & Bob McClenny, Soil Conservation Service, were among the more than 200 people attending the 41st Annual Meeting of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts at the Sheraton Red Lion Inn in Blacksburg, December 9 - 11, 1979.

"Gearing Up for the Eighties" was the theme of the meeting, which was keynoted by Robert B. Delano, President of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and Vice President of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Delano projected that some of the issues of concern to farmers in the next decade, such as regulations on farmers and compulsory health insurance, would go "beyond the fence rows" to affect all Americans.

Directors from soil and water conservation districts across Virginia were encouraged to take a more active role in identifying and solving local resource problems. To be effective, districts were told they must emphasize long range planning and develop "aggressive conservation" programs.

Ideas were shared for district leadership in related activities, such as conducting conservation education programs for youth and adults in the community, dealing with agricultural "nonpoint" source pollution, and working towards "trees for tomorrow."

Stanley Ragone, President of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, was guest speaker for the banquet concluding the meeting on December 11. In speaking on "Tomorrow's Fuel Options," Ragone said that government, industry, and the consuming public must work together to put forth our best available skills for developing new energy sources and to rely on the least expensive environmentally acceptable fuels for producing electricity.

Other guest speakers on hand during the meeting were Virginia Tech President Dr. William E. Lavery, Congressman William C. Wampler of the Ninth District, Executive Vice President of the Virginia Bankers Association, W. O. Pearce, President of the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts, Richard M. Hollier, Jr., and Karen Knapp of WESTVACO.

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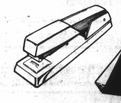

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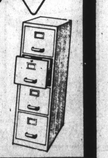




ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

**COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS** - On December 6 the ballots were tabulated at the ASCS office for the 1980 community committee elections. The following is the result of the election:

**Cloverhill Community**
W. D. Hix, III, Chairman
E. M. Covington, Vice-Chairman
J. H. Rosser, Regular Member
Arthur L. Morris, 1st Alternate
James W. Hunter, 2nd Alternate

**Stonewall Community**
J. P. Alvis, Jr., Chairman
R. T. Megginson, Vice-Chairman
J. A. Martin, Regular Member
Lyle Moore, 1st. Alternate
Calvin Harris, 2nd Alternate

**Southside Community**
E. Carter Martin, Chairman
E. W. Mullins, Vice-chairman
H. B. Jones, Regular Member
H. W. Mann, 1st Alternate
S. D. Elder, 2nd Alternate

**Stonewall Community**
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J. A. Martin, Regular Member
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The above Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, and Regular Members served as delegates to the County Convention which was held at the ASCS office on December 13th. The result of their voting was that W. D. Hix, III was elected to serve a three-year term on the County Committee. Jack Martin was elected to serve a one-year term as 1st alternate and E. W. Mullins was elected to serve a one year term as second alternate.

Mr. Hix replaces B. C. Masecy who has served on the Committee for nine years. ASCS regulations state that a County Committeeman cannot serve for more than nine years before going off the Committee for at least one year.

Since Mr. Hix will be serving on the County Committee and will come off Cloverhill community committee the committeemen on Cloverhill committee will now assume a position higher than that originally elected to.

After the election of members the delegates voted to gollowing positions to the three regular members: Chairman, W. E. Bondurant, Jr.; Vice-chairman, W. D. Hunter, Jr.; and Regular Member, W. D. Hix, III.

These committeemen assume office on January 1 and will administer the program governed by ASCS.

**VIRGINIA FIRE-CURED TOBACCO MARKETING** - Volume remained heavy on Virginia fire-cured tobacco markets during the second week of sales, reports the Federal-State Market News Service. No overall price trend was established but quality was down slightly from opening week. The amount of tobacco placed under loan increased significantly.

Gross sales follow:

| Market | Week Ending December 6, 1979 Pounds | Average | Season Through December 6, 1979 Pounds | Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blackstone* | 285,848 | $105.49 | 556,977 | $106.90 |
| Farmville | 283,764 | 122.61 | 558,577 | 121.96 |
| Lynchburg | 339,693 | 116.56 | 681,528 | 119.17 |
| | 911,305 | $114.99 | 1,797,082 | $116.23 |

All written comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Director, Room 3741 of the department's South Building.

The weekly average of $114.99 was a decrease of $2.52 per hundred from opening week. During the first six sales days last season, 1,951,696 pounds had returned $101.96 per hundred pounds.

Variations in grade averages were $1 to $4 per hundred from last week's levels with gains and losses about evenly divided in number. Most declines, however, occurred on lower quality thin leaf and lugs while better quality offerings in the heavy and thin leaf groups registered fairly consistent gains. Top average was $197 for grade C1F 46 with N1D the lowest at $56 per hundred.

Composition of offerings declined from opening week as more low quality was offered with less fair quality. Also, nondescript sales were up while less heavy leaf was offered. Percentages by groups were: heavy laf (B) 32; thin leaf (C) 37; lugs (X) 20; nondescript (N) 9; others 2 percent. Medium brown color made up 54 percent of sales followed by mixed or variegated at 14 percent.

The Dark Tobacco Sales Cooperative took in 119,783 pounds or 13.1 percent of gross sales this week raising the season's take to 163,751 pounds or 10.2 percent. During the first two weeks last year, 313,980 pounds or 16.1 percent had been placed under loan.

*Gross pounds and averages for 1979 are preliminary and subject to revision.

**Blackstone's pre-holiday sales will be held in Kenbridge with after Christmas sales scheduled to be held in Blackstone.

**COMMENTS SOUGHT BY USDA ON BURLEY TOBACCO PROGRAM** - The public is asked to comment on proposed determinations relating to the amount of the national marketing quota for 1980 crop burley tobacco.

Under current law, the USDA must announce the amount of the national quota for burley tobacco for the 1980-81 marketing year no later than February 1. Details on determinations to be made and the legislative provisions on the determinations were publicized in the December 4 Federal Register.

A meeting will be held to discuss supply and demand and other factors relating to the determinations. It will be held in Lexington, Kentucky with the exact time and place yet to be determined.

Within 30 days following the announcement of the amount of the national marketing quota, burley tobacco growers will hold a referendum to determine if quotas should be in effect for the next three marketing years beginning October 1, 1980.

Prior to making final determinations, consideration will be given to any written comments received on or before January 17, by the Director, Price Support and Loan Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 2415, Washington, D. C. 20013.

## ROCKS

Christmas is just around the corner. Many a child will be very happy and others will be sad.

Here's wishing the Times-Virginian and all its readers a Happy and Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

A very speedy recovery is wished Lewis Harris who had surgery on Thursday at Virginia Baptist Hospital. He will have another operation Monday.

A number attended the Christmas Party at Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge on Friday night.

A number attended the Williams and Harris wedding at Rocks Saturday night. We wish them much luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ranson, "Are all Smiles". It's a boy. Otis Bernard born Saturday, December 15th at Southside Hospital, Farmville.

Mrs. Carrie Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Richardson went to Crewe Sunday afternoon to see the former's sister, Mrs. Ethel Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Wilcox and granddaughter of Roanoke were visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ranson during the week-end.

Wednesday night will be children's night. They will present their Christmas program. Refreshments will be served. Gifts will be exchanged. Be here at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas play, "The Shining Star", next Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. The choir will present music at 7:00 p.m. Make plans to be here and enjoy this play.

The Training Union went Christmas caroling at 5 p.m. last evening.

A speedy recovery goes out to Clyde Nash who is in Virginia Baptist Hospital and is undergoing surgery on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Routt and Linda attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Routt of near Cullen on Sunday.

Congratulations to Debbie Roach who is a F.B.L.A. member of the month and is a senior at A.C.H.S. and also is the president of the chapter.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ranson who are grandparents again, a grandson was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ranson of Farmville on Saturday.

We hear Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Jones(the former Nee Rachel Marsh) of Newport News, Va. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 22nd. Congratulations to this fine couple. Their home use to be in Appomattox.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

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I will have you some pie and milk when you get here.

Love,
Tommy Ray Gobble, Jr.
Pamplin, Va.

## PAMPLIN

Mr. Horace Coleman of Seven Springs Farm returned home Saturday from Virginia Baptist Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lawrence Young of Lynchburg visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis spent the week-end in Richmond with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. David Savits, Roanoke and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Inge of Earleysville were here last week-end to attend the Williams-Harris wedding at Rocks Baptist Church on Saturday evening.


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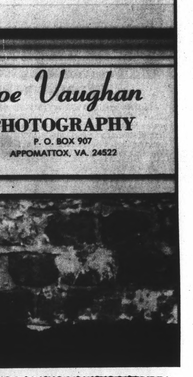

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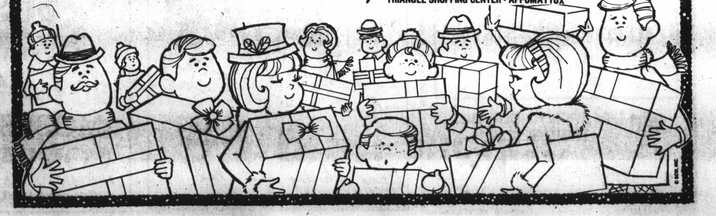
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